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In re Application of : OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Houle, et al.

Application No. 10/072,707 : ON PETITION

Filed: February 5, 2002

Attorney Docket No. 0370.0723C

This is a decision on the renewed petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 1, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned March 17, 2007 for failure to timely submit an appeal brief in response to the Notice of Appeal filed January 16, 2007. Notice of abandonment was mailed September 6, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b); (2) the required petition fee; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

This application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision, the application is again abandoned in favor of continuing application No. 12/399,265.

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